

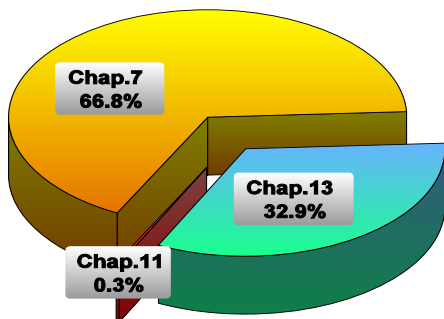


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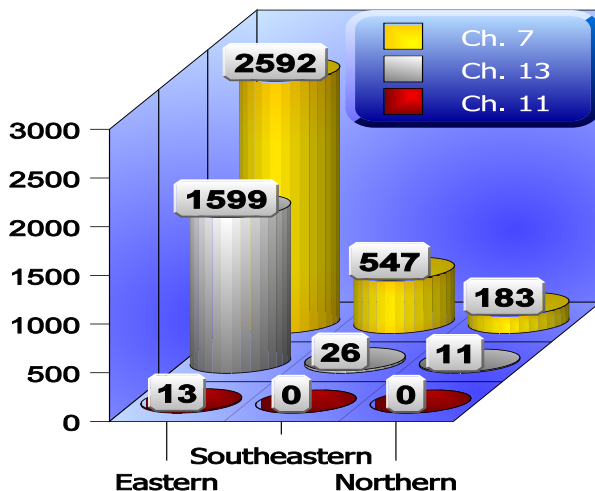
January through March 2004 Quarterly Case Processing Statistics



New Cases

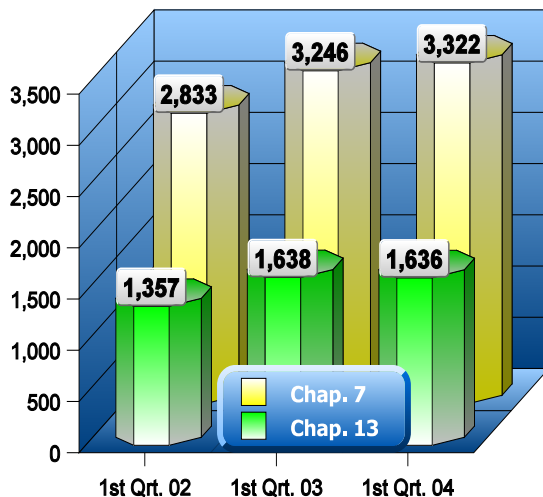
During the first quarter of the calendar year 2004, the Court opened a total of 4,971 new cases. There were 4,204 cases filed in the Eastern division, 573 cases in the Southeastern division and 194 cases filed in the Northern division. The court

reopened 63 additional cases. The new cases consisted of 3,322 Chapter 7 filings, 13 Chapter 11 filings and 1,636 cases filed under Chapter 13. There were no new cases filed under Chapter 9 or Chapter 12. The chart above indicates the percentage of new cases filed under each chapter. Additionally there were 102 new Adversary Proceedings, 1,744 motions to lift the automatic stay and 117 motions to avoid liens. The chart at right indicates the number of new cases filed during the first quarter in each division broken down by chapter.



Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Filings

During the first quarter, 3,332 Chapter 7 petitions and 1,636 Chapter 13 petitions were filed with the Court. These figures constitute 67% and 33%, respectively, of the total number of new cases filed this quarter. For comparison purposes, in the first quarter of 2003, the Court received 3,246 new Chapter 7 petitions (66%) and 1,638 new Chapter 13 petitions (33%). The chart at right indicates the filing figures for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases for the first quarter of 2004 and the past two calendar years.



Case Closings

The Court closed 5,369 cases during the quarter. Case terminations by division included 4,609 for the Eastern division, 581 for the Southeastern division and 179 cases for the Northern division. The number of cases closed this quarter is greater than the number closed during the first quarter of 2003 when the Court closed 3,231 cases. The Court also closed 160 adversary proceedings during the quarter.

Pending Caseload

The pending caseload at the end of the quarter was 16,842 cases, a decrease of 328 cases from the 4th quarter. These 328 cases reflect a 1.9% decrease in pending caseload from last quarter when there were 17,170 cases pending at the end of the quarter. The chart below depicts the change in pending caseload over the previous four quarters. During that time, the number of pending cases decreased by 14.3% (2,804 cases), or an average of 701 cases each quarter. The number of adversary proceedings pending decreased by 59 cases in the quarter leaving 294 cases pending.

